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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Jeff Zaring, State Board Administrator

DATE: May 27, 2010

SUBJECT: Reading Initiative

Anna Shults and John Wolf from the Learning Division will provide an update on the following topics related to the Department's Reading Initiative:

- (1) Reading Framework
- (2) Next Steps

There are other related topics, which we propose to handle as follows:

- We plan to include reading scores (once we have them) in accountability determinations, and that will be part of our accountability system development work. We are in the process of reviewing accreditation and school improvement planning requirements. That project will include adding reading goals to the school improvement plan, professional development program, and remediation plan to make sure everything is aligned.
- The Q&A document will be an ongoing work. The initial phase will be completed after public comments on the plan are reviewed.
- We believe the pilot group needs to help create the templates we will need from all schools. We want to make sure we provide the guidance the Board desires, while still guaranteeing ownership. If the template is so complete that all a corporation has to do is sign, there will be little ownership.